EXPRESS MAIL No.: EV 291 442 227 US

Deposited: July 3, 2003

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service Express mail under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O.

Box 1450, Alexandria A/A 2231/3-1/450

/ Ruth Montalvo Date: 07/03/03

Customer No.

026418

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.

ANGIO P-32 / 500622 20045

Applicant(s):

William M. APPLING and Eamonn HOBBS

Application No.:

Filed:

Concurrently herewith

For:

ENDOVASCULAR LASER TREATMENT DEVICE HAVING A FIBER TIP

SPACER

Commissioner of Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

SIR:

Applicant herewith submits together with the simultaneously patent application this Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and hereby make of record the following references:

**Document Number** 

Date

Name and/or Country

AA 6,398,777 06/04/2002

Navarro, et al.

ΑV "Endovenous Treatment of the Greater Saphenous Vein with a 940-nm Diode Laser: Thrombotic Occlusion After Endoluminal Thermal Damage By Laser-Generated Steam Bubble" by T. M. Proebstle, MD, in Journal of Vascular Surgery, Vol. 35, pp. 729-736 (April, 2002),

AW "Thermal Damage of the Inner Vein Wall During Endovenous Laser Treatment: Key Role of Energy Absorption by Intravascular Blood" by T. M. Proebstle, MD, in Dermatol Surg, Vol. 28, pp. 596-600 (2002)

Accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement and form PTO-1449 are copies of all documents cited. All document are mentioned on page 3 of the specification.

This submission is not an admission that the information disclosed in the documents is material to the patentability of the invention disclosed and/or claimed in the above-identified application.

07/03/03 HA:ram

Tel. (212) 521-5400

Enclosures: PTO-1449

3 document

Respectfully submitted,

Hary K. Ahr - Reg. No. 40,243

Reed Smith LLP

599 Lexington Avenue

New York, NY 10022-7650

# LIST OF PRIOR ART CITED BY APPLICANT (Filed on July 3, 2003)

Docket No.	ANGIO P-32 / 500622.20045		
Applicant(s):	William M. APPLING and Eamonn HOBBS		

Application No.

Group:

- Filed:

concurrently herewith - July 3, 2003

Examiner:

### **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Exam. Init		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub- Class	Filing Date Appropriate
	AA	6,398,777	06/04/2002	Navarro, et al.			
	AB						
	AC						
	AD						<u> </u>
	AE						
	AF						
	AG						
	AH						
	Al						
	AJ						
	AK						

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

1	Document				Sub-	Translation	
 	Number	Date	Country	CLASS	Class	YES	NO
AL							
 AM							
 AN							
 AO							
 AP							
AQ							
AR							
AS							

OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AV	"Endovenous Treatment of the Greater Saphenous Vein with a 940-nm Diode Laser: Thrombotic Occlusion After Endoluminal Thermal Damage By Laser-Generated Steam Bubble" by T. M. Proebstle, MD, in Journal of Vascular Surgery, Vol. 35, pp. 729-736 (April, 2002),
AW	"Thermal Damage of the Inner Vein Wall During Endovenous Laser Treatment: Key Role of Energy Absorption by Intravascular Blood" by T. M. Proebstle, MD, in Dermatol Surg, Vol. 28, pp. 596-600 (2002)
AX	
AY	
AZ	

Examiner:	Date:

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.